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WAIL OF THE LOST SOULS.

The Battle Mountain Scout deplors the absence of Lander county names from the list of delegates elected to attend the Republican national convention, remarking: "The county did not even secure an alternate. The Republicans assembled at Reno were not aware of the fact that 'as Lander county goes so goes the state'. The old party needs new blood."

What the party needs and has received is an injection of virility and activity that had never before been seen in a Republican convention. Had Lander county emerged from its atrophy long enough to see the possibility for sending live delegates to the convention the result might have been different. Lander was one of the few counties which thought so little of the meeting that it was only represented by one single live delegate and was satisfied with sending a bunch of proxies to a Reno delegate with instructions to cast them as he saw fit. Under the rules these proxies were thrown out. Lander cannot try to shift the blame at this late day for it must accept the consequence of its apathetic indifference.

WHERE IS THAT CEMENT COMMITTEE?

At a recent meeting of the Nevada Highway Commission bids were opened for supplying cement for the construction of the state highway between Reno and Carson City. Three California firms bid for the material. Each firm bid exactly the same amount proving conclusively that the bids were arranged by collusion of the cement men. The quotations were so high that the board is now contemplating changing specifications to some other material which will come within the engineering estimates. It is a notorious fact that Nevada abounds with all the constituent elements of cement making and that with a little encouragement the industry could be established in this state on a paying basis. The last session of the legislature went to the point of appointing a special committee to dig up statistics, visit various localities where the formation was said to be favorable and to offer recommendations with a view to adding another important industry to the state's manufactures. If that committee ever did anything or pressed the subject beyond the most superficial inquiry remains to be developed. The public has not been informed of any doings in that direction and it is inferred that the matter has been relegated to the shades of obscurity with the affairs of the State Bank and Trust company. It is regrettable that the lawmakers sent to Carson City have an abnormal faculty for starting something and never finishing. Around election time the Solons of the rural district get busy and omit rapid promises of what they propose accomplishing and, when they are elected, proceed spontaneously to forget all about their sacred obligations to the electors and taxpayers who put the fiddler for dancing at their own funeral. Before Nevada can engage in building cement roads it must begin at the beginning by securing a supply that will not pay tribute to the cement trust of the United States whose tentacles extend from Portland, Me., to Portland, Ore. The illicit combination fixes prices for every community in the land, allocates territory to stifle competition and exists in flagrant defiance of the laws against such unlawful combinations.

California has given up all hope of coping with the trust through inviting competitive bids and is now engaged in drafting plans for making its own supply of cement in order to be able to keep up its \$40,000,000 programme of construction. California recognizes the fact that it is a question of donating 50 per cent of the total cost to the cement trust or giving up the idea of building more roads and proposes appropriating a million dollars for making its own cement. Where is Nevada?

MAKING A CITY SAFE.

Judging from the record established by the officials of the Southern metropolis it is not safe for a criminal to venture into Los Angeles if he is intent on engaging in enterprises which come under the ban of the law. Malefactors find that the open door is no longer standing ajar to welcome them to the home of the eastern tourist and that an efficiency system about which there cannot be the slightest misgiving has taken the place of the former graft administration whereby vicious elements were handed the keys of the city to operate with absolute impunity. Housebreakers, rogues, men, assassins and automobile thieves find the atmosphere of Los Angeles not quite so salubrious as they had been led to imagine for any effort on their part to engage in lawless operations is met promptly by arrest, conviction and sentence that never shares the element other burrs have been famous for doling out to these misguided people of the underworld who regarded the rest of creation as their lemon which could be sucked dry without any serious consequences. The record of Los Angeles is one which other American cities may envy for it shows that 95 per cent of the major offenders either met violent deaths from the police or were placed behind the bars to serve long sentences from which there was no relief in spite of soft hearted judges and temperamental jurors. Two cases stand out conspicuously in the annals of that city in yesterday's doings. One of these is the killing of a burglar by a householder whose premises had been invaded and the other is the gathering of the final link in the chain of testimony that will send the murdering bigamist to a life term in Folsom prison. Walter Watson had run the gauntlet of every city in the west in a wild uxorious career in which he inveigled over forty women into matrimonial alliances. The course of crime carried him from Vancouver, B. C., to Michigan without ever arousing suspicion of the authorities until he ran foul of the law in Los Angeles where he recognized the folly of essaying a defense and tried three to end his life by suicide. It is due to the intelligence and astuteness of the Los Angeles police that a web of evidence was woven around this arch fiend culminating yesterday in finding the body of one of his

victims without which prosecution would have been futile.

The experience of Los Angeles can be duplicated elsewhere if the authorities applied themselves with the same diligence to sifting down the records of their prisoners and then seeing that prompt punishment is meted out. The fact that five bank robbers met death at the hands of officers engaged in tracking them to their lairs and that 70 per cent of the stolen funds were recovered does not furnish any incentive for others to operate in the same field.

FLORID REPORT OF PRIZE FIGHT

(Correspondence Associated Press)

ROME (Italy), April 12.—Boxing and prize fighting have just gained some headway in Italy. As a result, embryonic sporting writers are being born whose efforts for flowery descriptions eclipse even the vernacular of American sporting columns. Here is the report of a prize fight from one of the provincial papers.

"There was vicious animation in the impatient crowd when there appeared on the scene what seemed to be two gum cushions that had just come out of battle. Then there was sounded a fanfare of trumpets right into the ears of the waiting crowd and it was as if the wrath of God had been let loose.

"Then there were the sporting bloods who frothed at the mouth because the public was ignorant of the beauty and passion of the sport and because the spectators did not take

the sport seriously. This delicious sport—as the English call it, 'the man art of self-defense'—was prohibited before the war. But then, the war was fought for liberty and right, at least, the right to enjoy oneself even at the risk of others losing their lives.

"The two ruffians were placed in the 'ring' (a cord which separates them from the crowd). After some preliminaries, the two began to launch blows at one another—a truly intellectual amusement to watch. One of the two, by virtue of his being lightweight champion, gave the other a severe punch in the stomach. The other returned a punch to the jaw as if nothing had happened. The public laughed and commented.

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